to mixed cropping. The mixed cropping certainly means, as it should easily mean, the simultaneous mixing of these crops and growing them in the same field."

Sri M. JAGANNATHAN :—" In view of the fact that only a very small sum of money is spent on the Groundnut Research Centre at Tindivanam, no research worth mentioning has been undertaken so far. May I know whether the Hon. Minister concerned will be willing to increase the sum of money to be spent on the Groundnut Research Centre at Tindivanam hereafter? "

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, I do not agree with the hon. Member that no research worth mentioning has so far been undertaken in the station. If there is need, the Government will not grudge spending on the further development of this Research Station."

Breaches in the Ayinikad dam at Naduvannoor, Kurumbranad taluk, North Malabar.

* 9 *Q.*—Sri C. KUNHIRAMA KURUP: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have taken any steps to repair the breaches in the Ayinikad dam at Naduvannoor, Quilandy firka, Kurumbranad taluk, North Malabar; and

(*b*) if so, what they are?

The Hon. Raja Sri SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The Ayinikad dam at Naduvannoor, Kurumbranad taluk, Malabar district, had not breached at any time, after it was constructed. The dam is functioning satisfactorily."

Sri C. KUNHIRAMA KURUP :—" Sir, are the Government aware that the dam is not serving the purpose for which it was intended, because the construction of the sluices was not in order? What steps do the Government propose to take in the matter? "

The Hon. Raja Sri SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" The construction of sluices and other things are reported to be perfectly all right but the field there seemed to be saline due to past inundation of sea water. There is no leakage in any part of the dam. The people are not forthcoming to irrigate their fields and we have issued orders now to get a sample of the soil available tested in the Agricultural Research Institute at Coimbatore."

Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" The dam is all right but salt water is entering the field making it unfit for cultivation and it has been so far a long time. Have the Government taken care to enquire into this matter and remedied it? "

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THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" Salt water is not entering just now and that is the engineering opinion. The engineers say that the earth there has already become saline and, therefore, they are taking a sample of it to the Research Laboratory and after testing it, will advise the ryots on the modern way of getting rid of this salt."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" I want to know whether the back-waters are making their way through this dam. Although it is called a dam, it hardly serves the useful purpose of preventing sea water, that is back-waters, from getting in. May I request the Hon. Minister not to accept the report of his engineers? The passing of water can be seen without engineering skill. Therefore, may I request the Hon. Minister to call for a report from the revenue or other officials?"

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" If the hon. Member wants to call for another report, I shall consider it but the technical information available to me indicates that it is not happening there."

SRI P. KUNHIRAMA KIDAV :—" Have the Government received any petition from the cultivators of that locality that the dam is not preventing the entry of salt water? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" I have not received any such petition. If the hon. Member makes any representation about it, he would be replied."

SRI C. H. KANARAN :—" Hon. Members from that place have repeatedly stated that salt water is entering the field, but the Hon. Minister says that salt water does not enter it. Will the Hon. Minister at least enquire into the matter properly and find out the real position? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" I have enquired into the matter and received that report. But if the hon. Member wants further investigation to be made, I shall certainly make another enquiry."

Abolition of the Magistrates' Courts in Malabar after the separation of the Judiciary from the Executive.

* 10 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether any Magistrates' Courts were abolished after the separation of the Judiciary from the Executive in Malabar; and

(b) if so, why?